

Governor's Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism

and the Distinguished Advocates Awards



"Excellence is a better teacher than mediocrity. The lessons of the ordinary are everywhere. Truly profound and original insights are to be found only in studying the exemplary."

Warren G. Bennis,
American scholar and author

*I*ndustrious. Inventive. Enduring. As we celebrate our state's 375th anniversary, the honorees embody the enduring spirit of those who have come before us. Their passion, energy and dedication motivates us all. The honorees have made lasting and outstanding contributions to Connecticut and beyond. They will be celebrated far into the future.

The Governor's Awards celebrate the accomplishments of our awardees who hail from all corners of our state. Their work reflects the way in which art, history, digital media and tourism intertwine to form a vibrant creative economy and a great state.

Join us on April 28th to congratulate the winners of the 2010 Governor's Awards and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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The Governor's Awards is an event that brings together organizations and individuals from the arts, digital media, film, history, historic preservation and tourism industries for an evening of celebration.

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Atrium of the Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

6:30 pm Awards Ceremony

No tickets required, however, seating in the Atrium at the Legislative Office Building is limited.

For an **official restaurant guide** and dining specials in Hartford, check: www.cultureandtourism.org

Governor's Awards for Excellence

Recipients of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism are selected based on magnitude of achievement, the level of recognition brought by achievement and sustained contribution to the field and the state.

Barkley L. Hendricks, New London

Barkley Hendricks is a visual artist whose creative focus is portraiture, the figure and landscape. Best known for his stunning, life-sized canvasses portraying people from the urban northeast, it is through his empowering and sometimes confrontational images that Hendricks explores the cultural complexity of black identity in the contemporary world. Hendricks graduated with a BFA and MFA in painting and photography from Yale University. He has been exhibited widely in solo and group shows and his works are held in major museum collections. He and his wife, Susan, live New London where he has been a Professor of Art at Connecticut College since 1972.

Connecticut Humanities Council, Middletown

Incorporated in 1973 as the state's affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Connecticut Humanities Council ("CHC") focuses its work on two time-honored traditions in the humanities - reflective reading of literature and exploration of history. Led by Bruce Fraser, executive director for over 28 years, CHC is committed to increasing public involvement in Connecticut's rich history and assisting museums, heritage organizations and historical societies to bring the important stories of the past to the public. CHC's granting programs fund exhibits, walking tours, cultural festivals, and community humanities projects that explore Connecticut's diverse local heritage, as well as American and world history.

Diane Smith, West Hartford

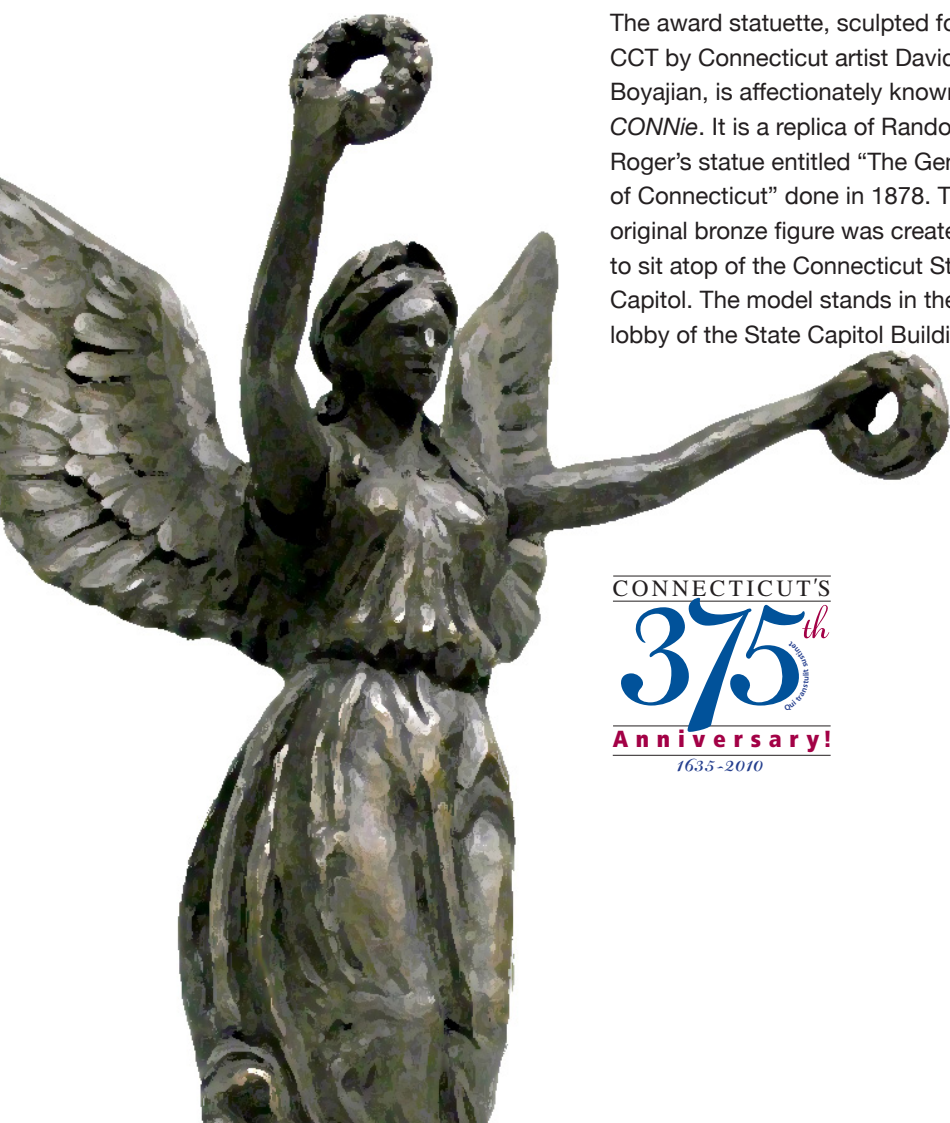
Emmy Award winning news anchor, producer, reporter and TV journalist, Diane Smith has authored four books - *Positively Connecticut*, *Absolutely Positively Connecticut*, *Christmas in Connecticut*, and *Summer in Connecticut* - all based on her popular television series entitled, *Positively Connecticut*. Her latest television project for Connecticut Public Television is the weekly magazine series *All Things Connecticut*. Ms. Smith actively promotes Connecticut business and tourism and is well-known for "showing Connecticut to the rest of the world in a positive light". Most recently, Ms. Smith was selected by the Connecticut Network to serve as the network's 2010 Elections Coordinator.

ESPN, Bristol

Launched in 1979, ESPN is the world's leading multinational, multimedia sports entertainment company featuring a portfolio of over 50 multimedia sports assets. The company is comprised of six domestic television networks plus syndicated programming, ESPN Radio, ESPN.com, ESPN The Magazine, ESPN International (46 networks, syndication, radio, web sites), owned events such as the X Games and more. ESPN's first and flagship show, SportsCenter, offers breaking news, highlights, features and analysis from award-winning journalists with 100 million viewers a month. ESPN is home to one of the largest in-house graphic design centers in the state, employing over 125 personnel responsible for design and on-air graphics. On April 9, ESPN opened its largest building yet of the 17 on its 116 acre campus, a 139,000 square-foot technical facility and office building.

Genius of Connecticut

The award statuette, sculpted for CCT by Connecticut artist David Boyajian, is affectionately known as *CONNie*. It is a replica of Randolph Roger's statue entitled "The Genius of Connecticut" done in 1878. The original bronze figure was created to sit atop of the Connecticut State Capitol. The model stands in the lobby of the State Capitol Building.



Distinguished Advocates Awards

Distinguished Advocates are Connecticut residents who, without monetary compensation, have worked to strengthen, preserve or promote the arts, digital media, film, history, historic preservation, and tourism in the state and made a significant impact on one or more organizations, or have made important contributions to their community, region, or state.

Fred T. Blish, Manchester, for his 50+ years as the "guiding force" and founding member of the all-volunteer organization, the Little Theatre of Manchester.

Coleman H. Casey, Hartford, for his 30+ years of hard work and dedication to the Hartford arts community and his service as a trustee or board member of more than 15 organizations.

John Frantzis, Middlebury, for his 50+ years of dedication to the Quassy Amusement Park in Middlebury and his continuous advocacy efforts for tourism in Northwestern Connecticut.

Rose Gaudio Lamy, Wallingford, for her passion and energy as a tourism ambassador and for her unyielding love for the "Great State of Connecticut".

Donna J. McCalla, Amston, for her tireless efforts to revitalize Hebron's history and its historic structures.

Marian O'Keefe, Seymour, for her 50+ years of enthusiastic commitment to learning the history of whatever Connecticut town she resided in - seven! - and for her dedication to raise public awareness of Connecticut's rich local and state history.

Special Presentation

A special presentation will be made to the **Connecticut State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**. The Commission, formed in March 1972, was charged with obtaining funds for the restoration of the State Capitol, which took place from 1979 to 1989. The 12-member Commission continues to oversee the physical, historic and artistic integrity of the State Capitol and its grounds.

Jocelyn Maminta, Mistress of Ceremonies

Jocelyn Maminta is News Channel 8's anchor woman and Emmy Award nominated medical reporter. She has anchored and reported for television stations in North Carolina, Wisconsin, Texas and Connecticut across a career in broadcast journalism spanning more than 20 years. She supports a number of non-profit organizations across Connecticut. She serves on the board of the Friends of Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital and the Arts Council of Greater New Haven and is a member of the Junior League of Greater New Haven. Jocelyn is also the co-founder of Caroline's Room, a safe haven for families coping with the uncertainties in the birth of a premature baby. There are Caroline's Rooms in New Haven; Hartford; Roanoke, VA; and three in Texas. Another room will open at Danbury Hospital in early 2011.

Directions

The Legislative Office Building is located at 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.

Traveling on I-84 East

Take Exit 48, Capitol Avenue, get into the right lane of the exit ramp. At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Capitol Avenue. Take the first right past the Legislative Office Building, proceed to the back of the garage and take a right to enter the garage using the left hand lane (employees) or the right hand lane (visitors).

Traveling on I-84 West

Take Exit 48, Asylum Street, at the end of the exit ramp turn right at the light onto Asylum Street. At the YWCA turn left onto Broad Street, proceed through two stop lights, immediately after the Armory building take the first left and then another left at the end of the short access road. Follow this road around the garage to the back and take a right to enter the garage using the left hand lane (employees) or the right hand lane (visitors).

Traveling on I-91 North or South

Take Exit 29A, Capitol Avenue, proceed through the Pulaski Circle at the end of the long exit road. Take a right on Elm Street and turn left at Trinity Street. Go past the Capitol building and the I-84 entrance ramp, all on your right. Take the first right past the Legislative Office Building, proceed to the back of the garage and take a right to enter the garage using the left hand lane (employees) or the right hand lane (visitors).

Parking

Limited public parking is available on the first floor of the parking garage. There is a connector to the Legislative Office Building at the roof level. On-street metered parking and commercial parking lots are also nearby.



Connecticut Commission
on Culture & Tourism

The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism brings together arts, history, historic preservation, and tourism. Its mission is to preserve and promote Connecticut's cultural and tourism assets in order to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the state. The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism is located at One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut. For more information, log on to www.cultureandtourism.org or find us on Facebook at our Fan Page.

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